

be benefitted by the scholarship (*demi-bourse*) shall be made by the Presidents of the Agricultural Societies in each law District, and in the manner assigned by the Board of Agriculture, before the 15th day of May of each year; and should the Presidents fail in making the said choice between the 1st of January and the 1st of May of each year and report thereon, the choice will then be made by the Board of Agriculture.

The year for instruction for Ste. Anne's College will begin on the eighth of July, and for the College of Ste. Thérèse on the.....

Resolved, That a copy of the preceding resolution be sent to the Directors of each of the Colleges of Ste. Annes and Ste Thérèse.

Resolved, That the Board of Agriculture, through the medium of its President, present an address to Parliament and to the Government for a special grant for the encouragement and maintenance of agricultural education and instruction.

Resolved, That five copies of the *Revue Agricole* for 1862-63 be given to the Rev. F. Pilote for the use of Ste. Anne's College, and two to the Agricultural School of Rimouski; and the Board adjourned.

By order, GEORGES LECLERE,
Sec. B. A., L. C.

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE FOR LOWER CANADA.

Montreal, December, 1863.

To the Secretary of the County Agricultural Society.

SIR,—I am directed by the Board of Agriculture for Lower Canada to acquaint you that your Society will have to elect four persons, to be Members of this Board, in place of those who retire by rotation, namely: Hon. P. U. Archambault, O. E. Casgrain, B. Pomroy, and Dr. J. C. Taché. These gentlemen are nevertheless eligible to be re-elected. The Report of Election of the four Members to this Board is to be sent at once to the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture, Quebec.

I am also directed to remind you that your Society must be re-organized early in the third week of January next, according to Section 4, 20 Vic. Ch. 49. A copy of the proceedings of the re-organization, with the name and address of every office-bearer, must be sent at once to this Board to ensure publication in the Official Journal before the 1st of February.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

GEORGES LECLERE.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

WINTER EVENINGS ON THE FARM.



HE leisure hours brought by this not altogether unpleasant season of the year, afford abundant opportunities for the intellectual improvement of those who may feel inclined to advance themselves in this direction; and especially should the younger members of every country household advantageously employ the time thus given them, and strive, by their zeal and industry, to make amends for the usually limited advantages they enjoy for mental and social culture. Activity is the normal condition, not only of the body, but of the mind. Very few young persons are of such sluggish, mental temperament, as to be entirely insensible to the pleasures to be derived from the exercise of the intellectual faculties, while the majority of them have a natural and innate desire for such enjoyments.

Away from the city, the country bar or

store-room is too often the resort of young persons, who might employ their time more profitably than in listening to the rude joke, coarse witticism, and tedious story, which always find attentive appreciators in such places. The fact that they will sit for hours and eagerly hearken to the recital of such things, is evidence that they could interest themselves in something better, were proper influences used to effect such a result. The question then arises, cannot home be made sufficiently attractive to induce them to discontinue their visits to such unprofitable resorts? We think so. If parents (we speak only of the country) would only interest themselves a little more in the educational welfare of the children, provide them with books, newspapers, periodicals, &c., and encourage them to read them, a desire for knowledge would gradually grow upon them, till at last their minds would become engrossed in the new and substantial delights of learning, and their